Parts checklist

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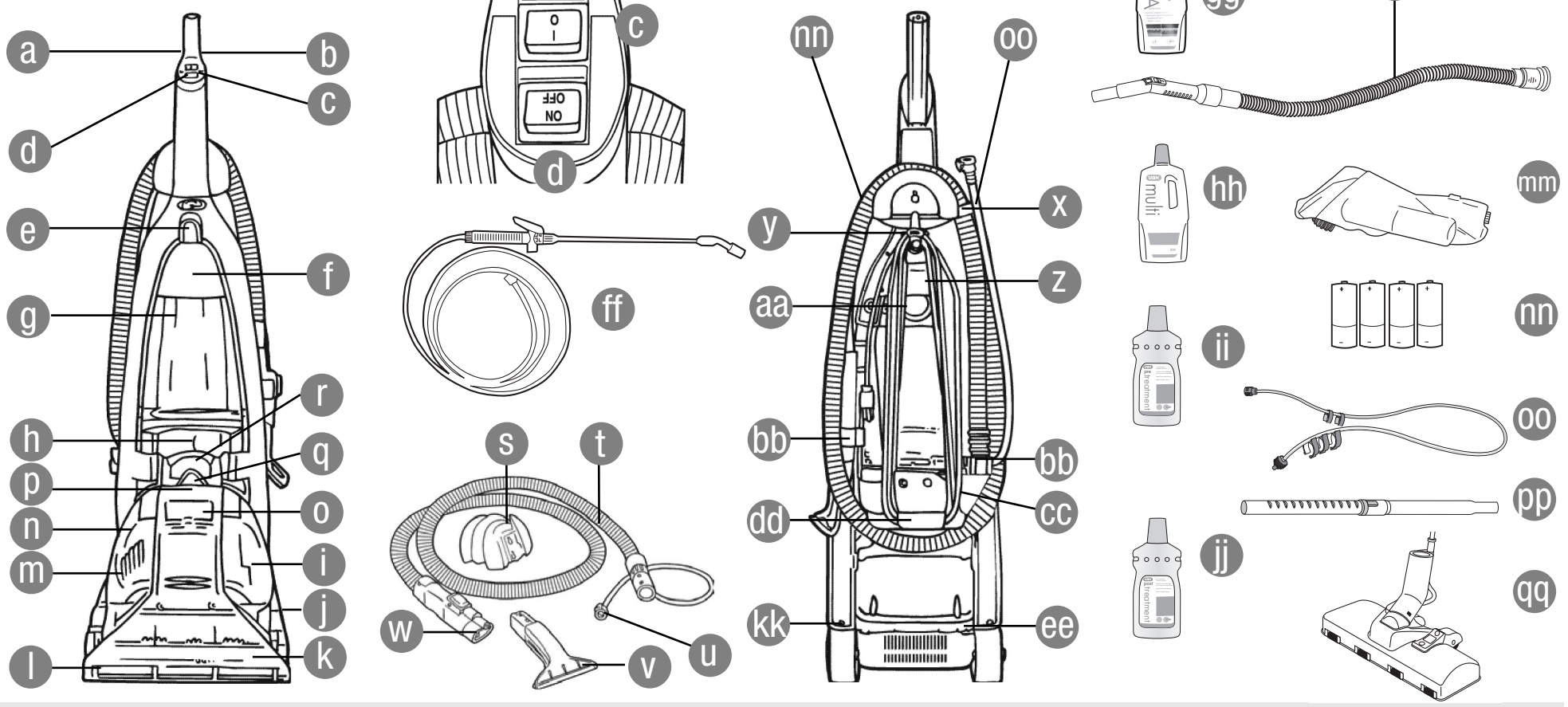

a	Handle	p	Dirty water tank handle	ee	Handle release pedal
b	Solution trigger	q	Dirty water tank nozzle tab	ff	Carpet treatment wand
c	Soap on/off	r	Dirty water tank latch	gg	AAA carpet cleaner
d	Power on/off	s	Detachable tool storage	hh	Multi hard floor solution
e	Clean water tank release	t	Extra long Stair Hose	ii	Pre-treatment solution
f	Clean water tank carry handle	u	Water supply connector	jj	Post-treatment solution
g	Clean water tank	v	Upholstery wash tool	kk	Carpet treatment wand water supply port
h	Cleaning solution soap tank	w	Upholstery tool trigger	ll	Flexible hose
i	Drain cap	x	Solution/hose clip	mm	Power Wash Brush
j	Hose water supply port	y	Quick cord release	nn	Batteries for power wash brush
k	Dual brushbars	z	Carrying handle	oo	Solution tube and clips (3 large, 2 small)
l	Front suction nozzle	aa	Clean water tank cap	pp	Telescopic tube
m	Dirty water tank	bb	Hose storage clips	qq	Hydrodry hard floor wash head
n	Floor/tools selector	cc	Power cord		
o	Hose attachment cover	dd	Cord wrap		

Putting your cleaner together

Phillips screwdriver required

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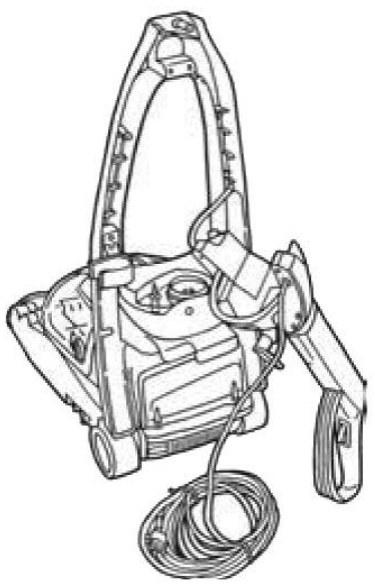

Remove your Rapide XL from the carton with caution. The handle is connected to the body by a cord.

Note: Do not tug or pull on the cord.

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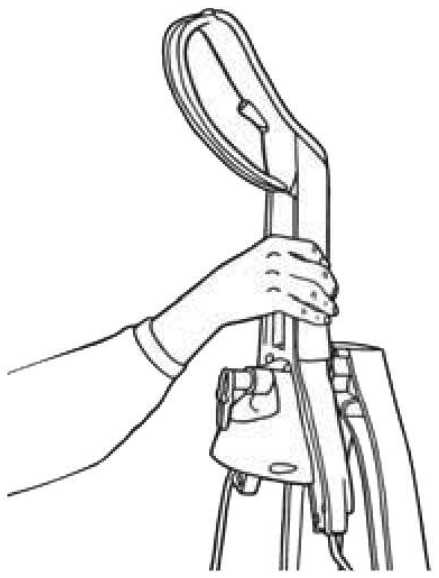

Line up the handle to the upper body of the machine and slide into place.

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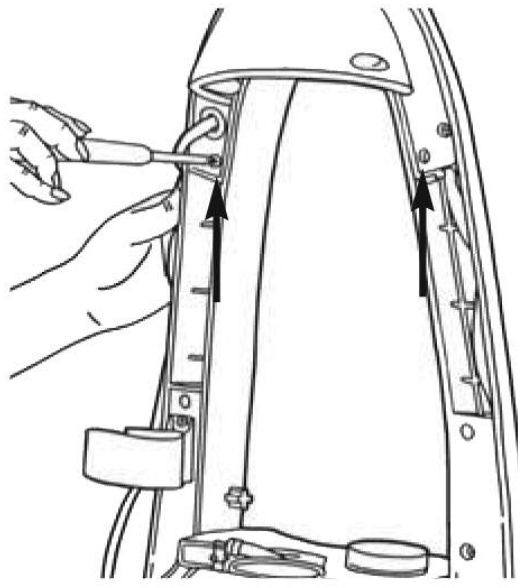

Secure from the back with the two smaller screws.

Putting your cleaner together

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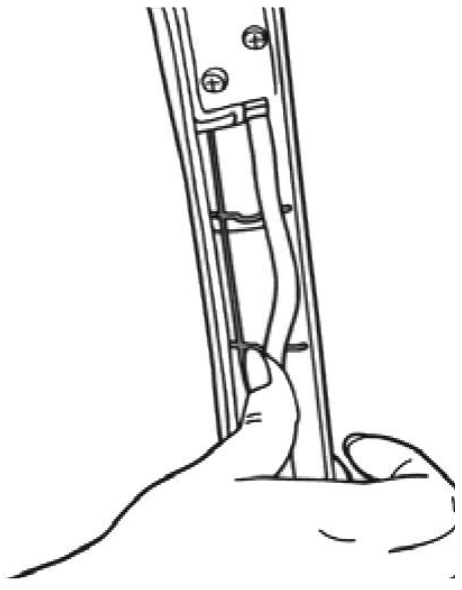

Feed the cord through the slots on the back of the handle and push into place.

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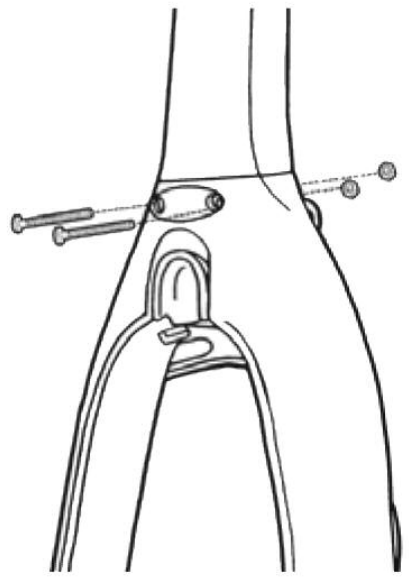

Place a nut into the recess in the back of the upper handle. While holding the nut in place insert one of the large screws through the front of the upper handle and tighten.
Repeat the process with the second screw.

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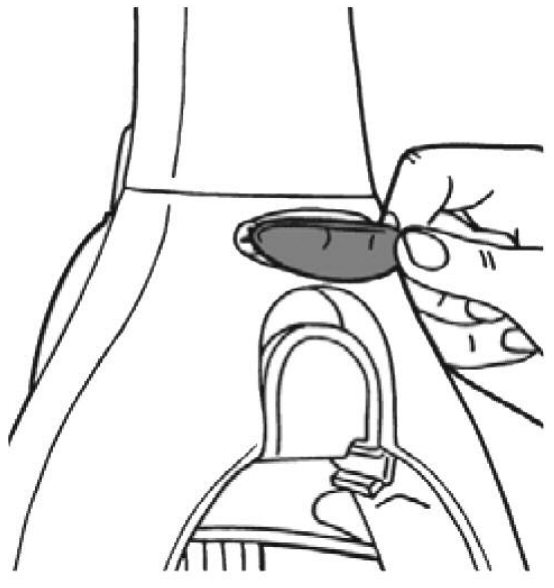

Remove the backing tape from the screw cover and press into place.

Clean water tank

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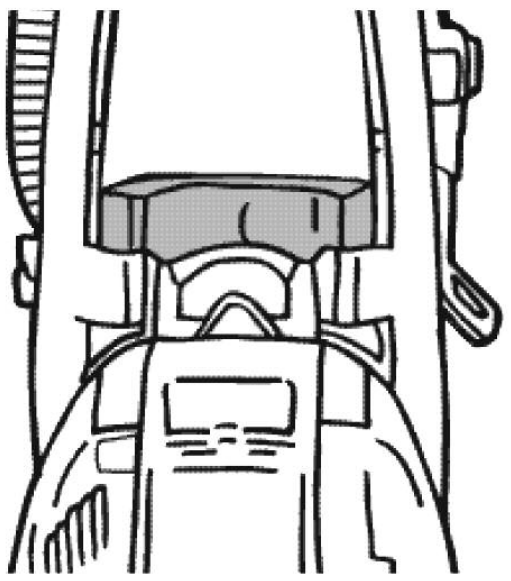

Note: Make sure the cleaning solution tank is resting in place with the solution tube pressed fully into tube opening.

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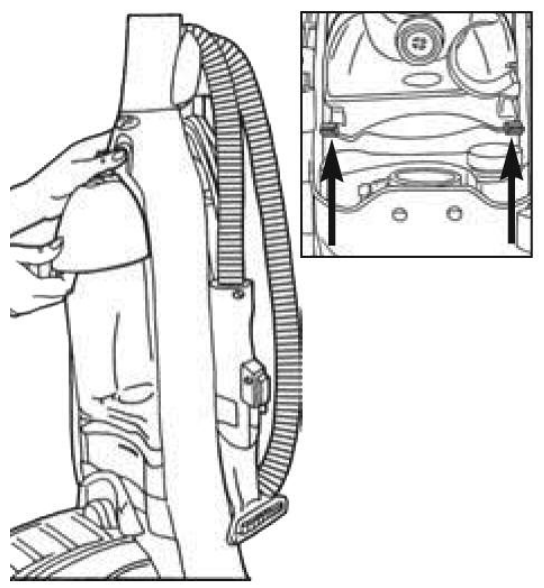

Line up the grooves of the clean water tank with the support posts inside the handle. Tilt the top of clean water tank inward and push until it locks into place.

Tool storage

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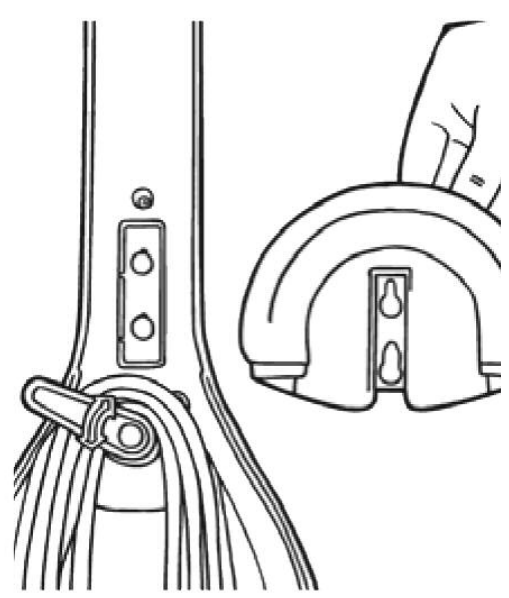

To install the tool caddy, line up the tabs of the tool caddy storage with round tabs on the back of the handle (above quick cord clip).

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Tool storage

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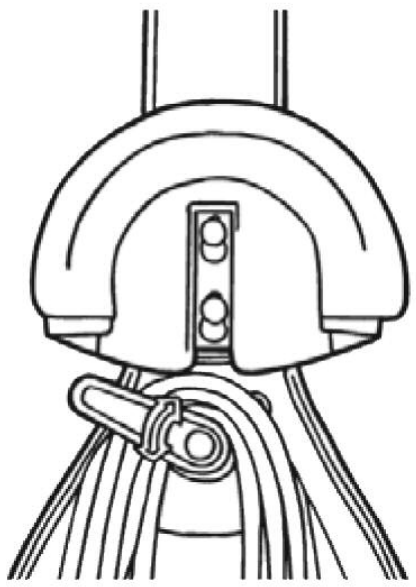

Slide the tool caddy downwards until it is secured in place.

Note: The tool caddy can be removed for storage on a wall.

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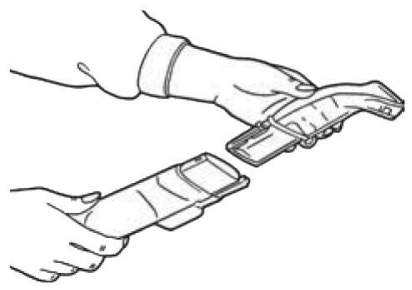

Push the upholstery tool onto the end of the extra long stair hose.

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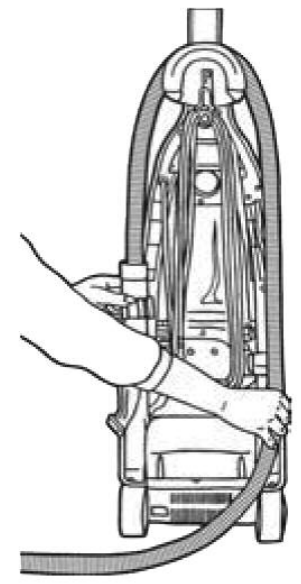

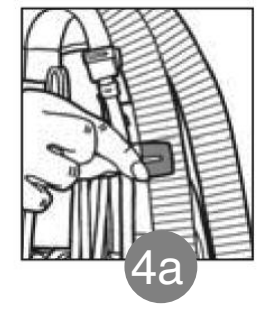

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Starting on the left of the machine, wrap the hose around the back section of the hose caddy. Wrap the hose around the back of the machine for a second and third time, using the front section of the hose caddy. Secure in place using the hose clips. To store the Power Wash Brush, place on the left hand side of the machine on the holder provided. The carpet treatment wand is stored on the right hand side of the machine, clipping into place at both the top and the bottom. Attach the tube of the carpet treatment wand into the carpet treatment wand water supply port. Press firmly until it locks into place.

Note: Once the carpet treatment wand is attached it can remain in place between uses.

Pre-treating your carpets with the carpet treatment wand and solution

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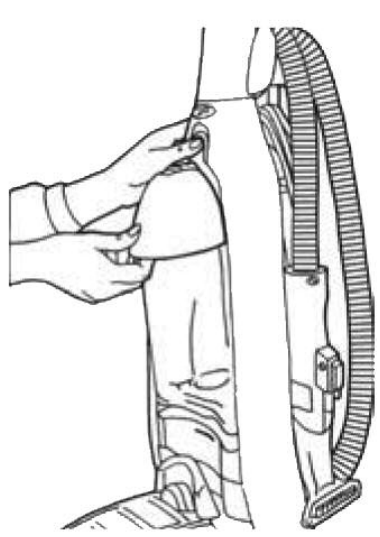

Remove the clean water tank by pressing the clean water tank release and pulling the tank by the handle. Put to one side to fill later.

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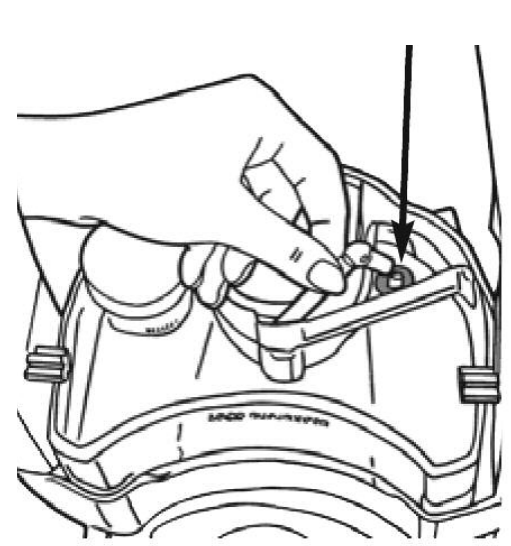

While the clean water tank is removed, loosen the solution tank by gently pushing out the solution plug from the plug opening.

Note: The solution tank can be filled while it is attached to the cleaner but you should use care when refilling.

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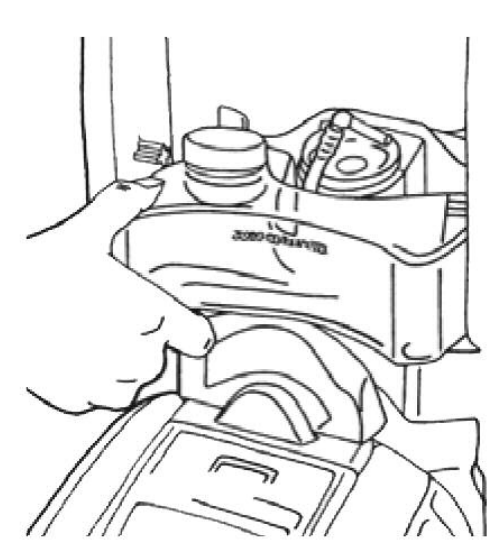

Remove the solution tank by pulling up and out.

Note: After spraying rinse the machine and carpet treatment wand with clean water. Wash the carpet as described in this guide, using VAX AAA carpet cleaner.

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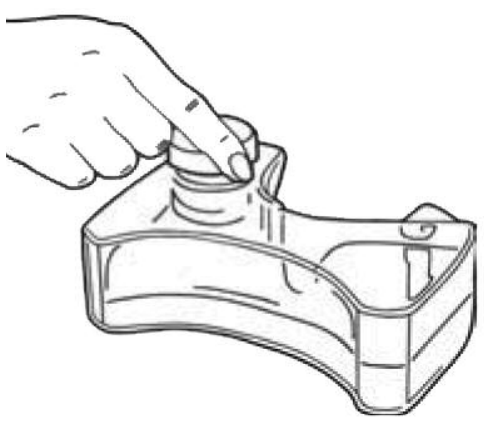

Remove solution tank cap.

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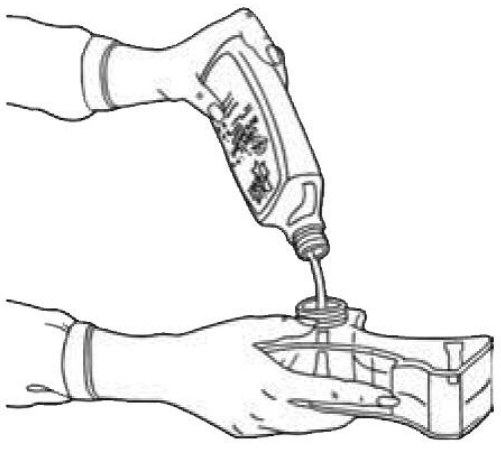

CAUTION: Do not overfill. You should leave
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Fill the tank with pre-treatment solution.

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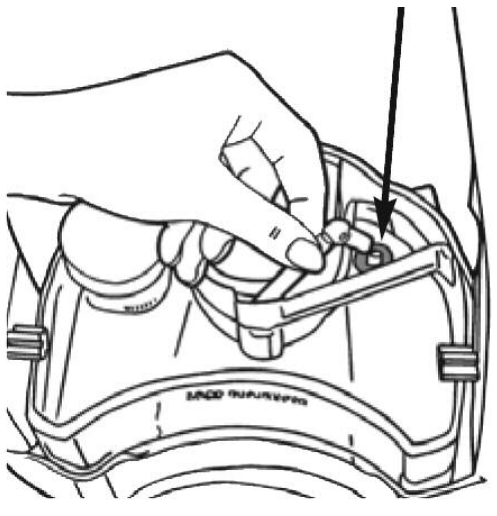

Replace the solution tank cap. Return the solution tank to the cleaner making sure the solution tube lines up with the groove in the back of the solution tank. Firmly press the solution tube into the plug opening of the solution tank.

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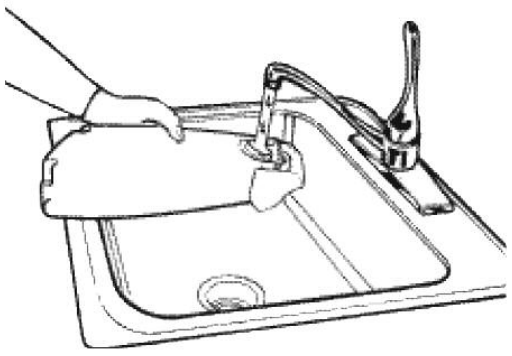

CAUTION: Maximum water temperature 40°C

Remove the clean water tank cap and put in a safe place. Slowly fill the clean water tank with warm tap water (max 40°C) and replace the cap.

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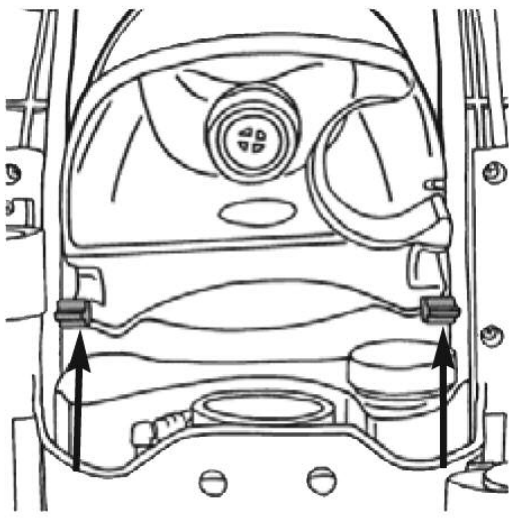

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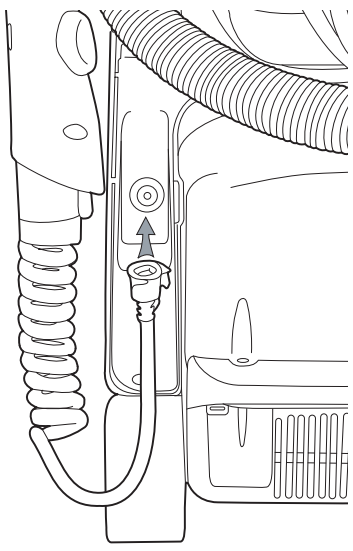

If you have not already done so, attach the carpet treatment wand to the carpet treatment wand water supply port at the back of the machine. Press firmly until it locks into place.
N.B Once the carpet treatment wand is attached it can remain in place between pre-treatments

Pre-treating your carpets with the carpet treatment wand and solution

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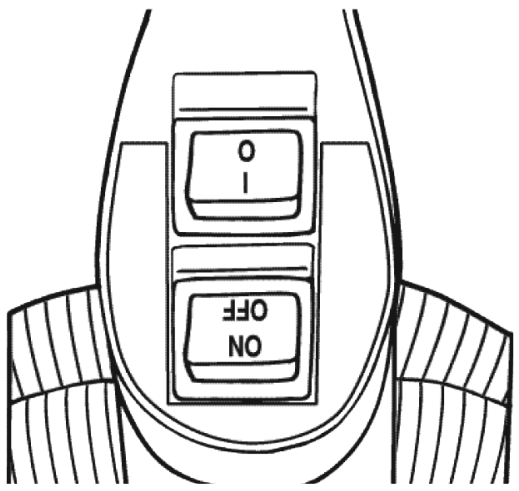

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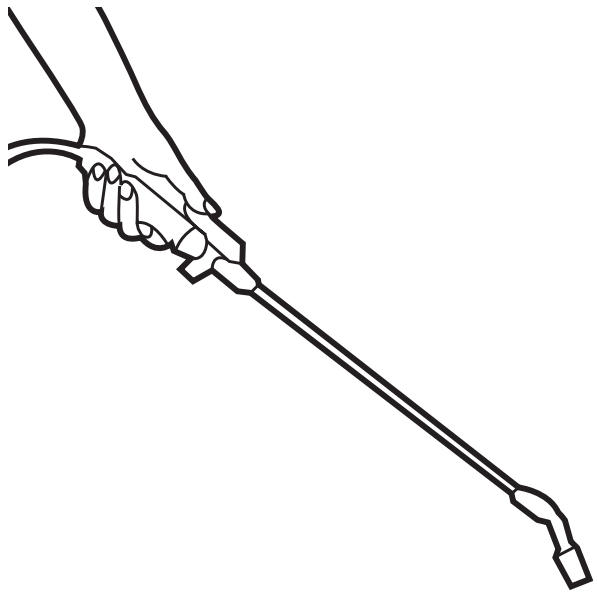

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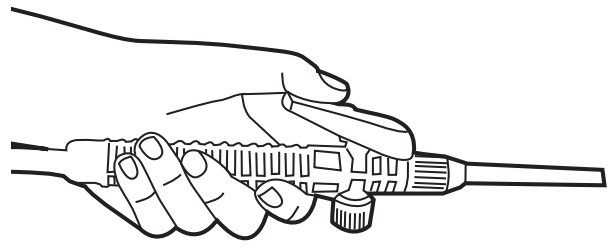

Caution: DO NOT turn the soap switch ON without solution in the tank. DO NOT allow the solution tank to run dry.

To pre-treat carpets be sure that the unit is stood in the upright position. Turn the power and soap switches on. The pre-treatment solution and water automatically mix within the machine.

Using the wand and the trigger, apply pre-treatment solution to carpets. Turning the spray nozzle clockwise or anti-clockwise will alter the spray pattern.

Releasing the trigger will stop solution flow. The treated areas should be left for 10 to 15 minutes. For heavy stains, mild agitation may be used.

Note: Do not over wet carpets.

How to operate your cleaner - setting up

Note: The float in your Rapide XL is the transparent, pivoting moulded part in the dirty water tank, it will shut off the suction when the dirty water tank is full. For best results use a smooth steady motion keeping the nozzle flat against the carpet. Tipping the cleaner and breaking the seal of the nozzle against the carpet will cause the float to rise cutting off suction. Once the float is activated, empty the dirty water tank.
If the tank does not appear full turn off the power switch and wait for the float to settle. For best results use only VAX AAA Carpet Cleaner.

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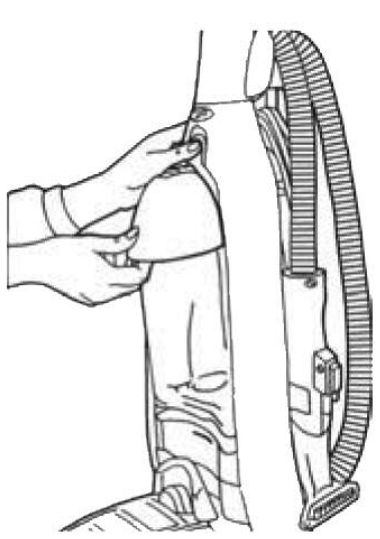

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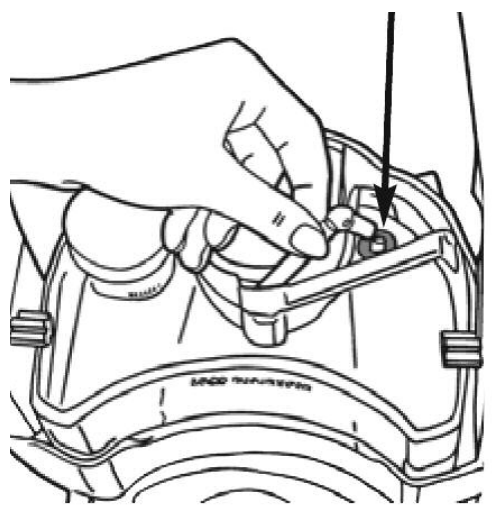

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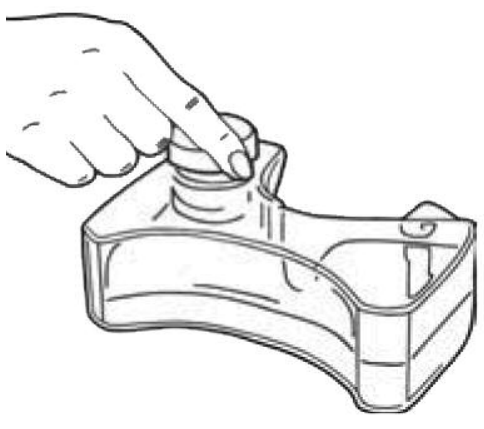

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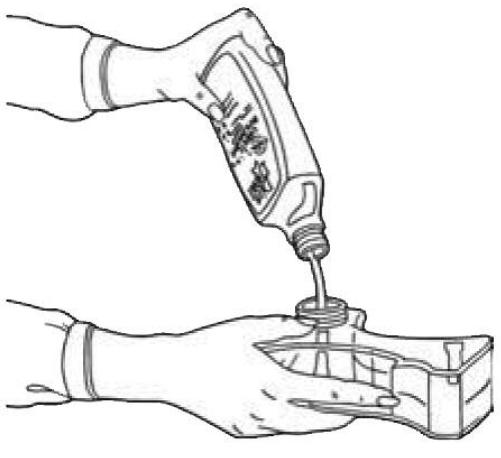

CAUTION: Do not overfill. You should leave 1-2 cm of air space.

Fill the tank with VAX AAA Carpet Cleaner. The cleaner can be stored with solution in the solution tank. It does not have to be removed after each use. However the solution tanks should be rinsed out periodically.

Note: One fill up of the solution tank will last for approximately 4 clean water reservoir fill ups.

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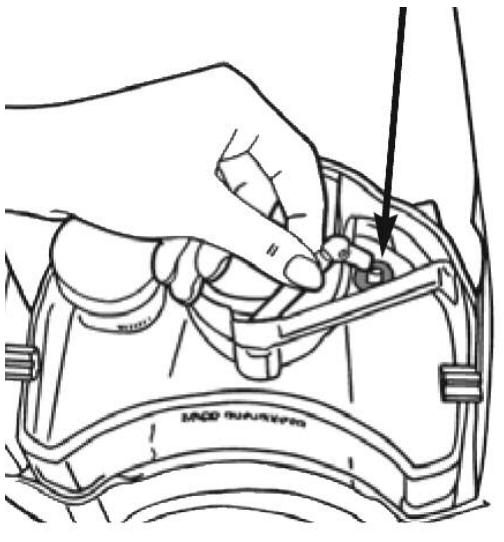

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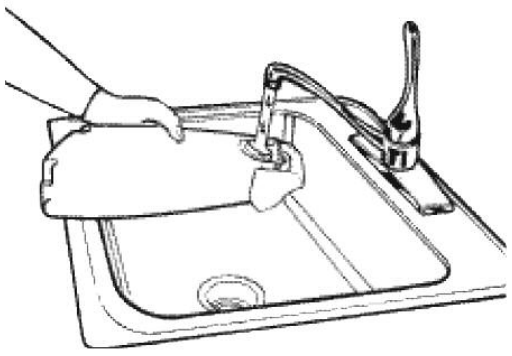

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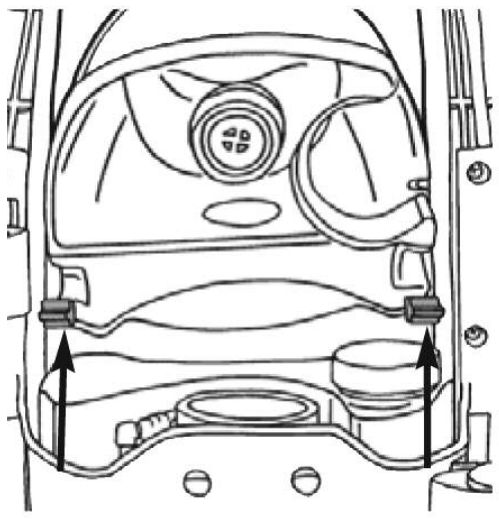

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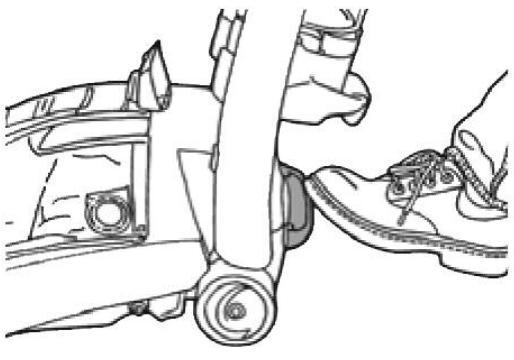

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Plug the cord into an electrical socket. Step on the handle release pedal to put the cleaner into a cleaning position.

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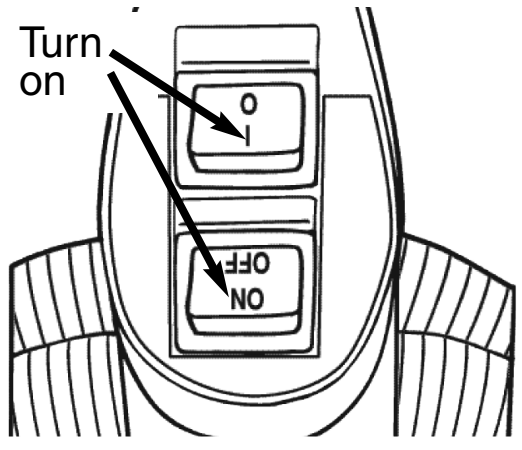

Turn main power switch and soap switch to the ON position

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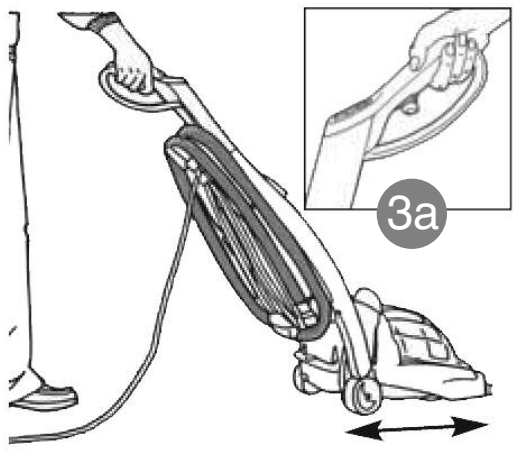

To spray cleaning solution, depress the solution release trigger (3a) and move the cleaner backward and forward. Release the trigger and push the unit back and forth in the same track to remove dirty water and solution from the carpet.
For heavily soiled areas, repeat if necessary.
N.B The brushbar starts rotating automatically when the machine is reclined.

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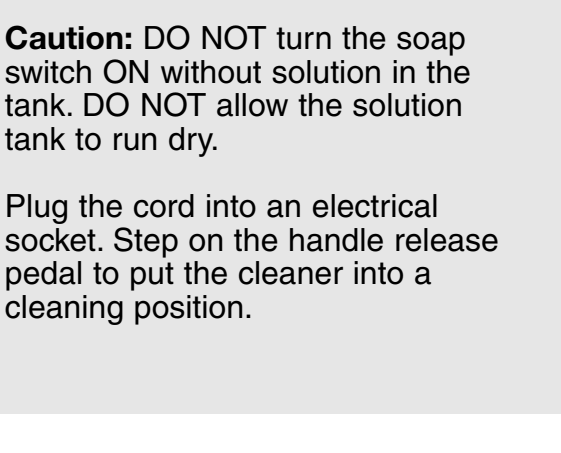

To rinse your carpet, turn the soap switch to the OFF position. Repeat the same process (as in step 3)

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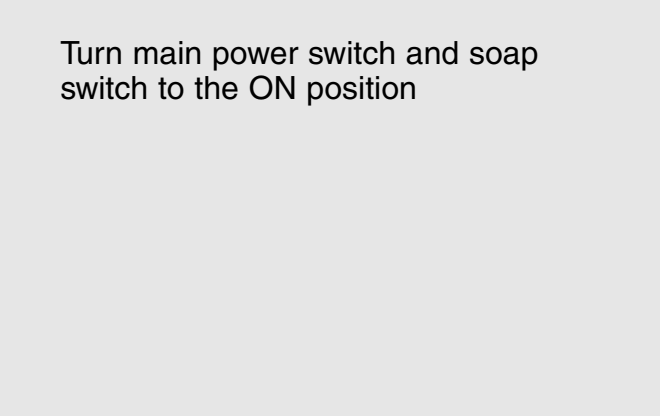

The burst clean switch is located on the side of the machine and illuminates when turned on. This feature increases the brushbar speed and pump flow rate to tackle more stubborn stains and high traffic areas. Switch off to wash carpets as normal.

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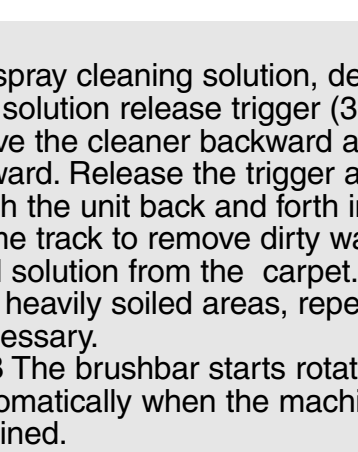

Grab the carrying handle on the back of the cleaner to transport from room to room.
Do not pick the cleaner up by the clean water tank handle.

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Hose attachments

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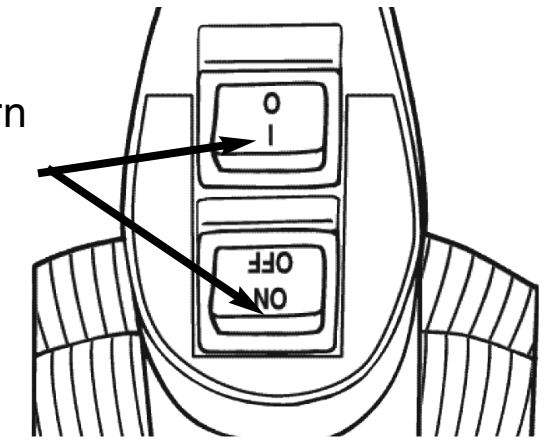

Put the cleaner in its upright position. Turn the soap and power switches to the OFF position.

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Remove the hose from its stored position on the back of the cleaner. Lift the hose attachment cover located on the top of the dirty water tank.

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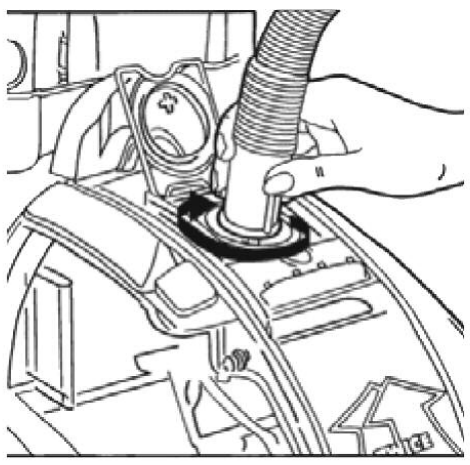

Insert the end of the hose into the tool opening and twist clockwise until it locks into place.

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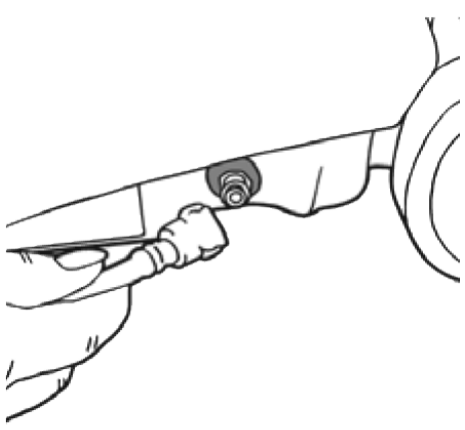

Attach the water supply connector into the hose water supply port at the side of the machine. Press firmly until it locks into place.

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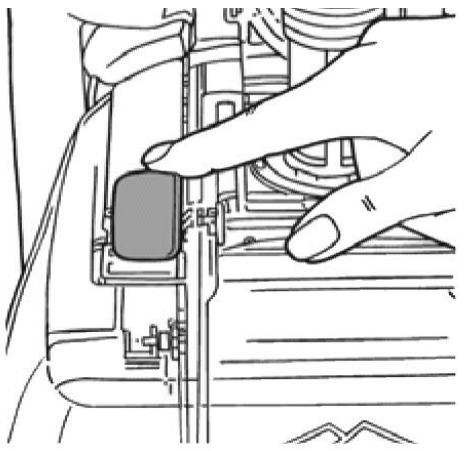

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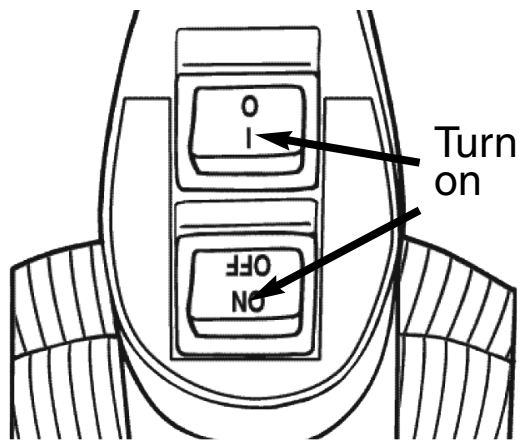

Caution: DO NOT turn the soap switch ON without solution in the tank. DO NOT allow the solution tank to run dry.

To wash upholstery, be sure that the main power and soap switches are both turned ON.

Note: Do not allow upholstery to become too wet.

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Hose attachments

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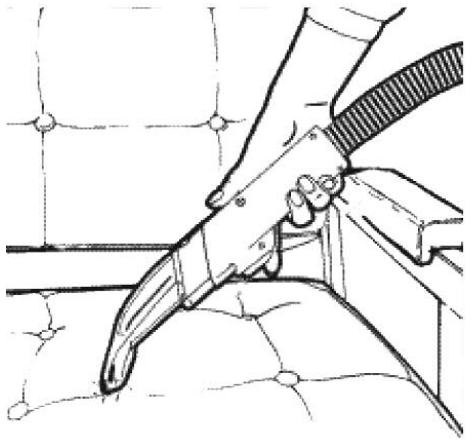

While depressing the blue solution spray trigger, pull the attachment in a downward motion. Release the trigger and push the attachment forward in the same path to remove dirty water and solution from upholstery. For heavily soiled areas, repeat if necessary. To rinse, remember to turn the soap switch to the OFF position and repeat process.
Note: Make sure upholstery is thoroughly dry before using.

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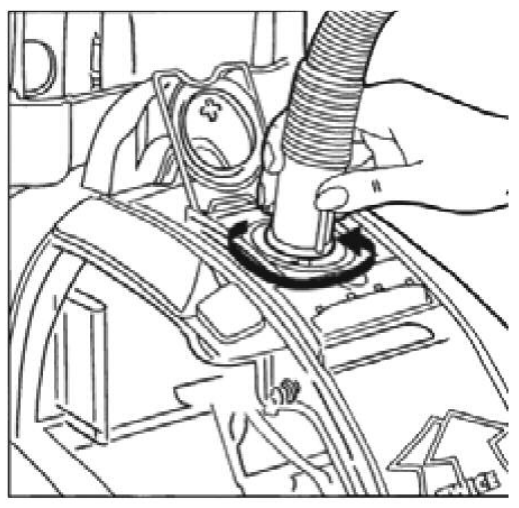

Remove the hose from the fitting by twisting it counterclockwise to unlock. Close the hose attachment cover until it snaps into place.

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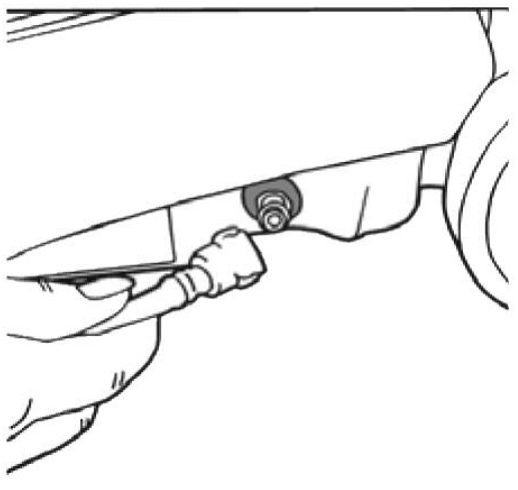

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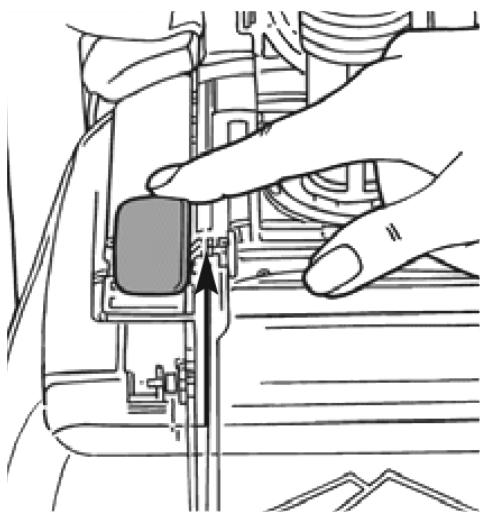

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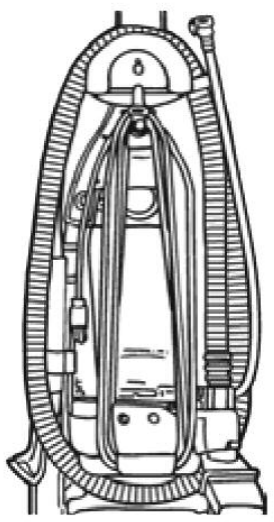

Return tools to their storage position on the back of the cleaner.

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Hard floor cleaning

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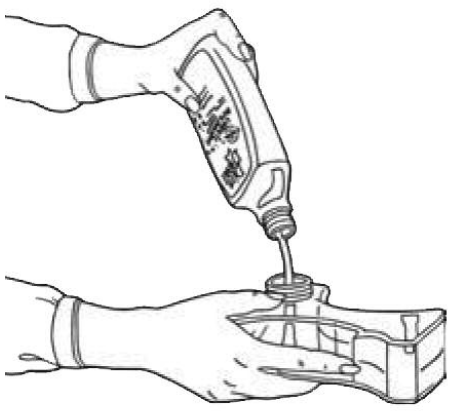

Before assembling the accessories for hard floor cleaning, ensure that the cleaning solution soap tank is filled with Multi hard floor solution. Please refer to the bottle for measuring quanitites.
Do not use Vax AAA carpet cleaner.

N.B The Hydrodry head should only be used on sealed hard floors. If in doubt, consult the flooring manufacturer.

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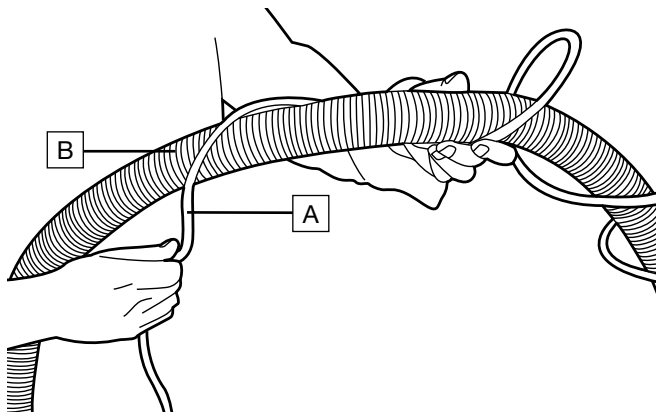

Wrap the solution tube around the hose and secure into place using the clips provided.

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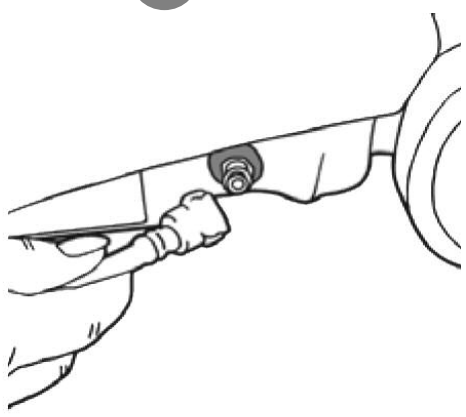

Attach one end of the solution tube into the hose water supply port at the side of the machine. Press firmly into it locks into place
Attach the other end of the solution tube into the Hydrodry hard floor wash head.

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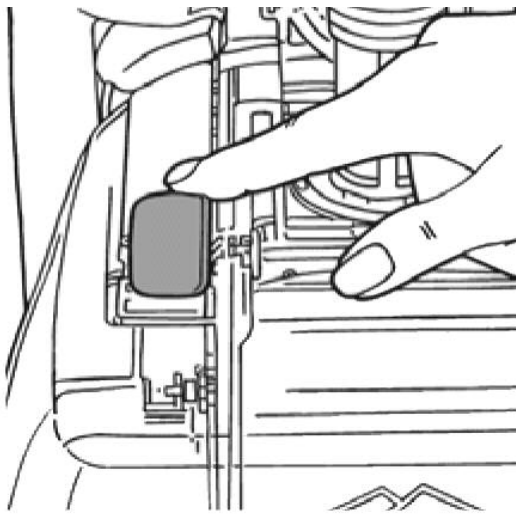

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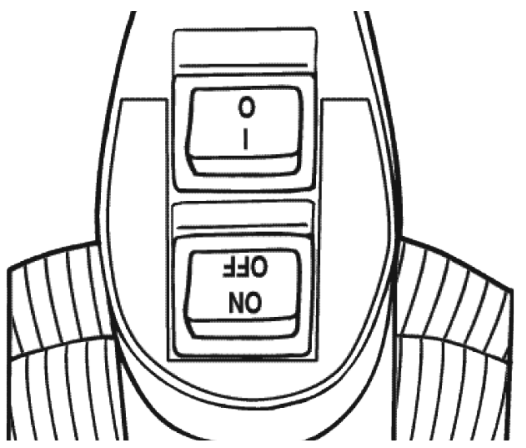

Caution: DO NOT turn the soap switch ON without solution in the tank. DO NOT allow the solution tank to run dry.

To wash hard floors, turn main power and soap switch to the “ON” position.

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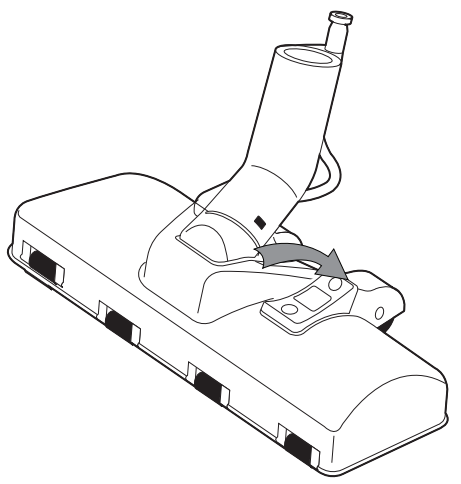

On the Hydrodry hard floor wash head ensure that the rocker switch is pushed down towards the back of the head to allow water and solution to reach the floor
To wash hard floors, move the wash head, slowly and in even motions, over the area to be cleaned.
To suck up excess water and dry hard floors, the rocker switch should be pushed forward. This prevents water and solution flow from the clean water tank.

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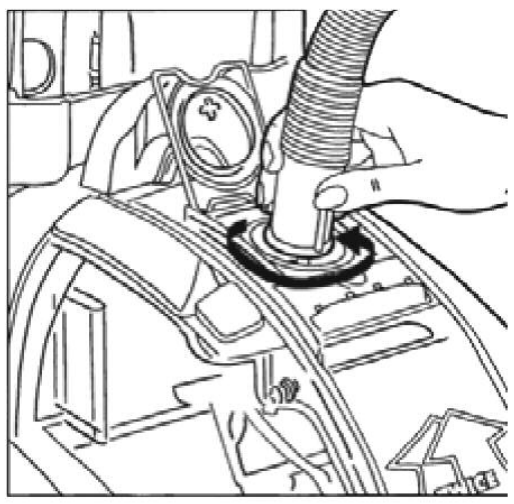

Disconnect water supply connector from the water supply port by pressing the grey button and pulling.

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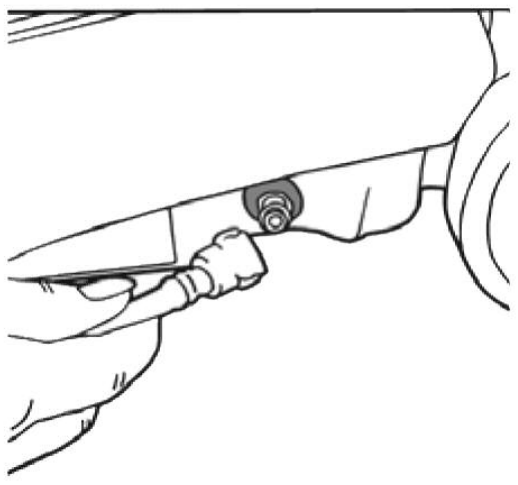

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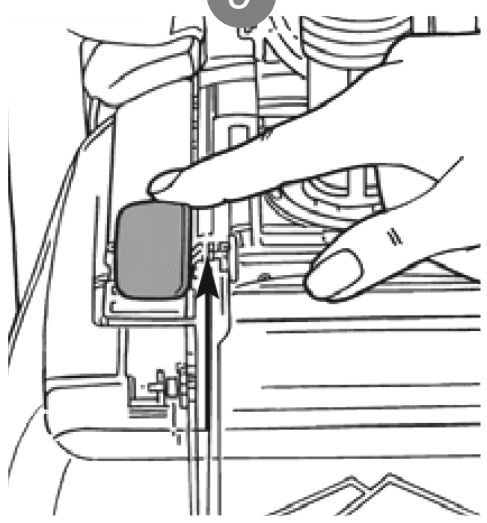

Move the tool/floor selector to the floor position (upward). Disconnect all attachments and allow them to dry before storing.

Power Wash Brush

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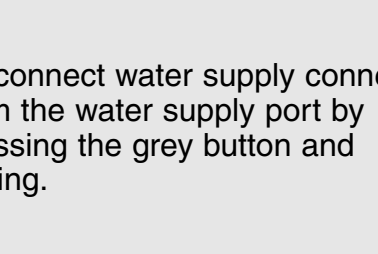

Insert the four AA batteries into your Power Wash Brush in locations shown. Next see section 17 for machine preparation.

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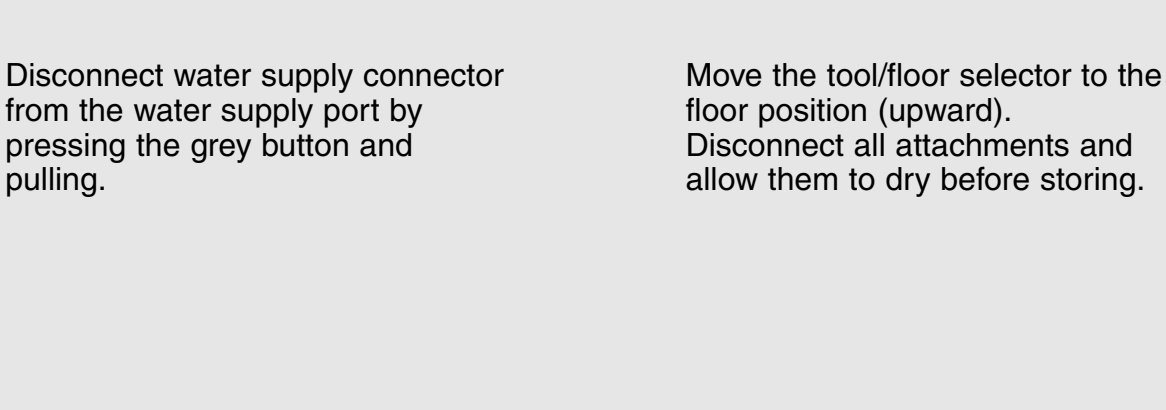

Now attach the Power Wash Brush to the hose attachment by pushing hose end into Power Wash Brush until it clicks into place. In order to release solution onto the desired areas depress the blue solution spray trigger. Release the trigger and press the Power Button to activate the Power Wash Brush. Use Brush on desired areas, repeat as necessary.

To rinse, remember to turn the soap switch to the OFF position and repeat process. If further drying is required switch off the Power Wash Brush and go over the area again. To remove Power Wash Brush from hose push Release Button as shown. When finished See section 18 parts 8-11 for disconnection and storage instructions.

Emptying the dirty water tank

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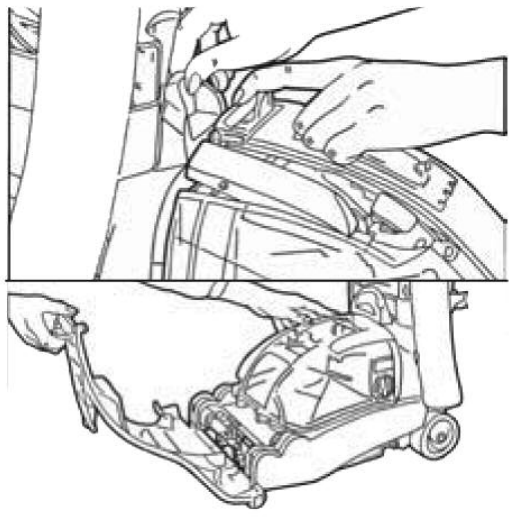

Depress the dirty water tank latch and simultaneously pull the dirty water tank nozzle tab up and away from the cleaner.

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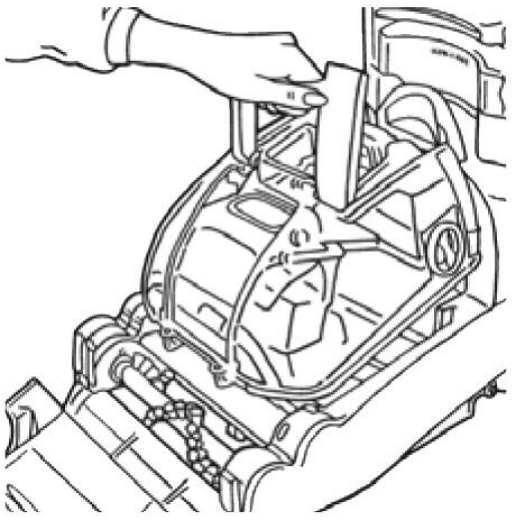

Remove the dirty water tank by lifting the dirty water tank handle and pulling the tank out of the base.

Note: The nozzle does not need to be completely removed to empty the dirty water tank.

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Place the dirty water tank over a large sink and remove the dirty water tank cap by twisting it to the left (counterclockwise) and out in a safe place. Empty the water into the sink.

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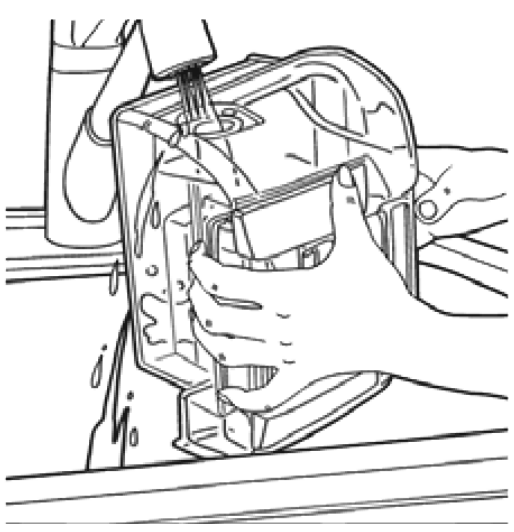

Dirty water tank can be rinsed out with hot tap water to remove any remaining debris. Wipe and let dry thoroughly before storing to prevent mildew from forming.

Note: Do not use any chemicals when cleaning.

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Return the dirty water tank cap.

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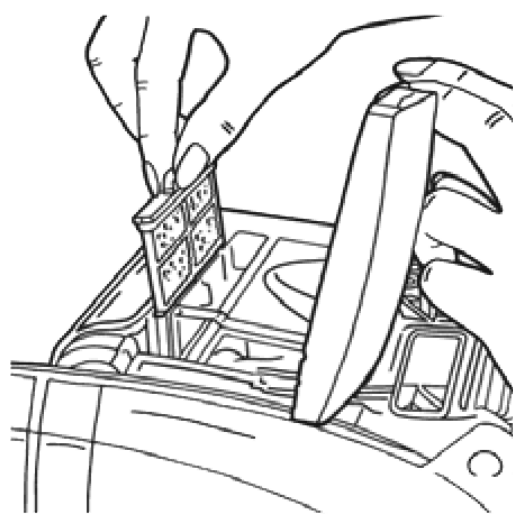

Lift the dirty water tank handle and pull out the filter to clean. Rinse under hot water and return to the dirty water tank.

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Emptying the dirty water tank

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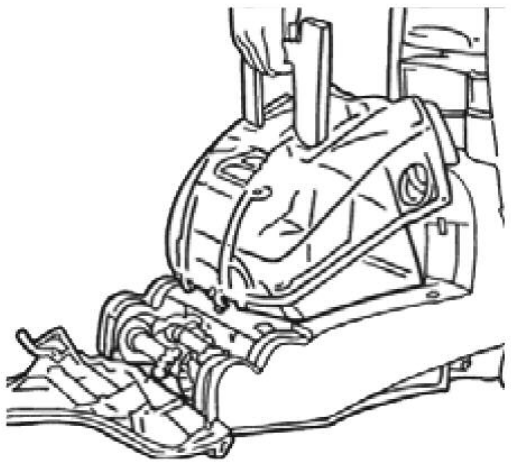

Return dirty water tank to the base of the cleaner by tipping the nozzle down into the basin and dropping it into place.

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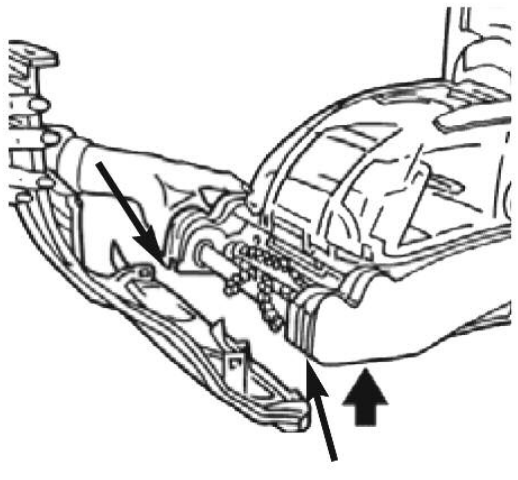

Lift the front of the cleaner base off the carpeting with one hand. Line up the black tabs with the grooves of the front nozzle. Lift the front nozzle upwards towards the cleaner and press under the latch until it locks into place.

Post-treating your carpets with the carpet wand and post-treatment solution

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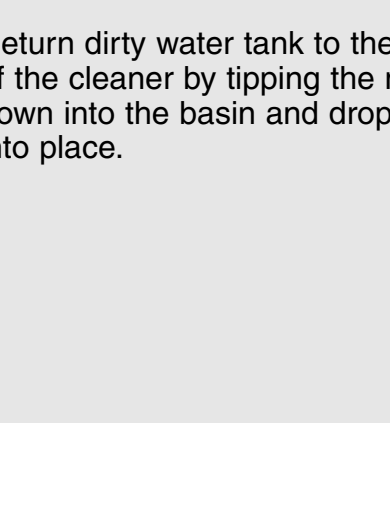

N.B The carpet treatment wand will need priming before using to allow the correct solution to run through. Holding over the sink, depress the trigger for approximately 20 seconds. The wand will then to ready for post-treatment.
Remove the clean water tank by pressing the clean water tank release and pulling the tank by the handle. Put to one side to fill later.

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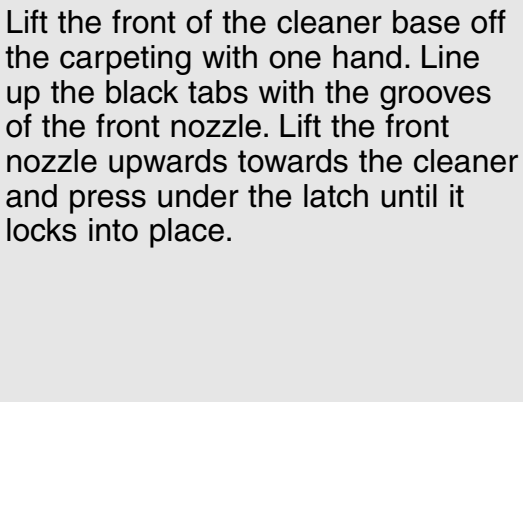

While the clean water tank is removed, loosen the solution tank by gently pushing out the solution plug from the plug opening.

Note: The solution tank can be filled while it is attached to the cleaner but you should use care when refilling.

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Remove the solution tank by pulling up and out.

Note: After spraying rinse the machine and carpet treatment wand with clean water. Wash the carpet as described in this guide, using VAX AAA carpet cleaner.

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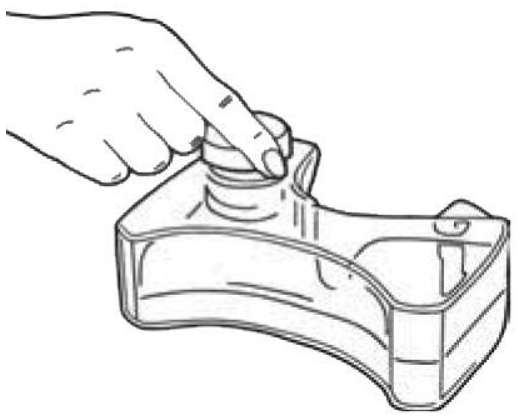

Remove solution tank cap.

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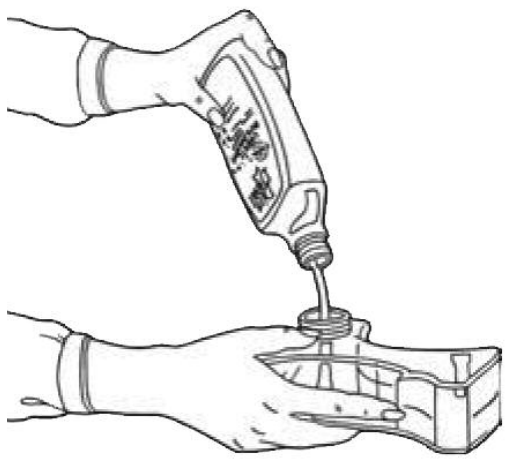

CAUTION: Do not overfill. You should leave
1-2 cm of air space.

Fill the tank with post-treatment solution.

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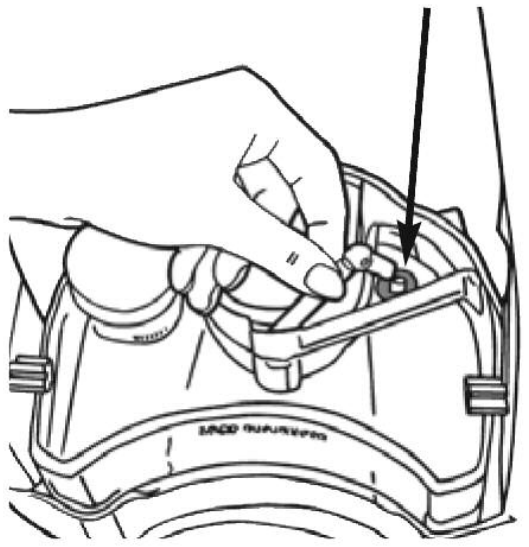

Replace the solution tank cap. Return the solution tank to the cleaner making sure the solution tube lines up with the groove in the back of the solution tank. Firmly press the solution tube into the plug opening of the solution tank.

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CAUTION: Maximum water temperature 40°C

Remove the clean water tank cap and put in a safe place. Slowly fill the clean water tank with hot tap water (max 40°C) and replace the cap.

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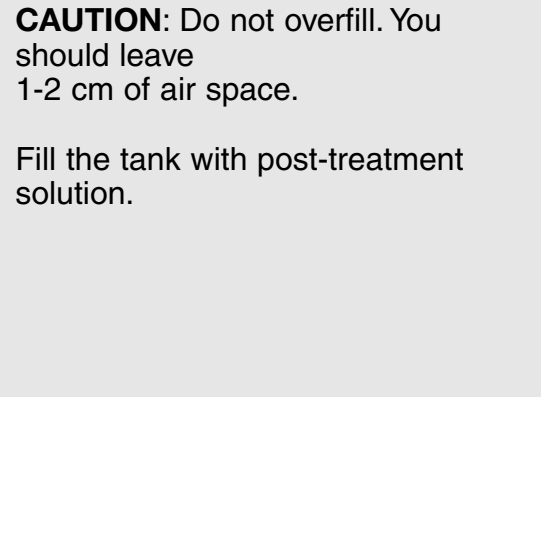

Return clean water tank by lining up the grooves of the clean water tank with the support posts on the inside of the handle. Rock clean water tank inward until it locks into place.

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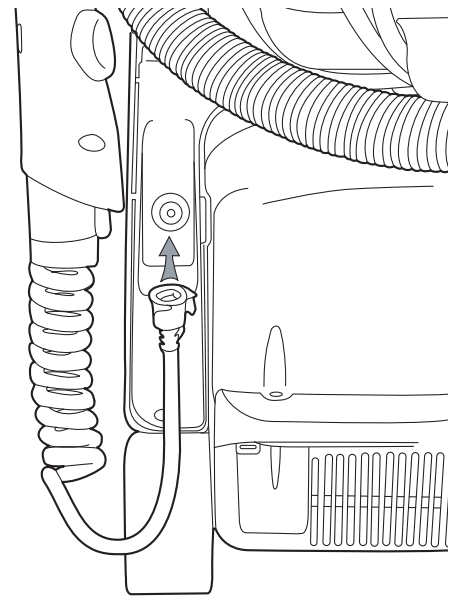

Ensure the carpet treatment wand is still attached securely to the carpet treatment wand water supply port

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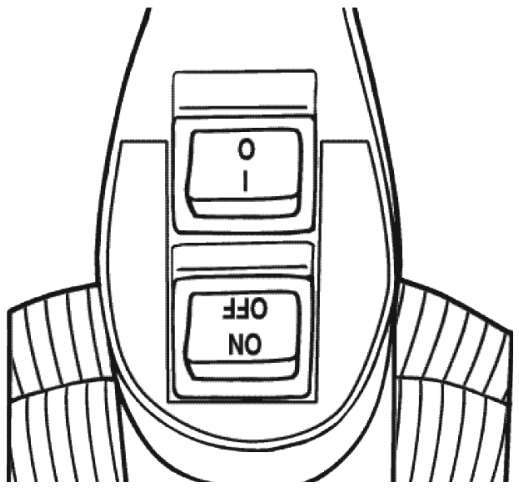

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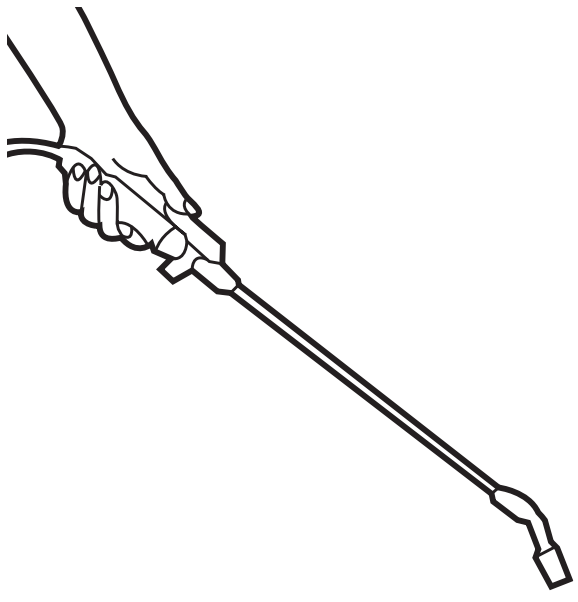

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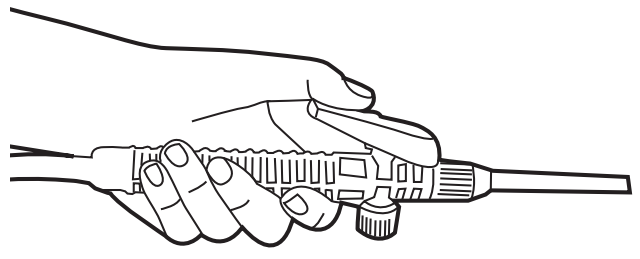

Caution: DO NOT turn the soap switch ON without solution in the tank. DO NOT allow the solution tank to run dry.

To post-treat carpets be sure that the unit is stood in the upright position. Turn the power and soap switches on. The post-treatment solution and water automatically mix within the machine

N.B The carpet treatment wand will need priming before using to allow the correct solution to run through. Holding over the sink, depress the trigger for approximately 20 seconds. The wand will then to ready for post-treatment.

Using the wand and the trigger, apply post-treatment solution to carpets. Turning the spray nozzle clockwise or anti-clockwise will alter the spray pattern.

Releasing the trigger will stop solution flow.

The treated areas should be left to dry. Once dry, vacuum thoroughly. Empty the dirty water tank as previously directed.

Note: Do not over wet carpets.

Belt removal and replacement

Phillips screwdriver required

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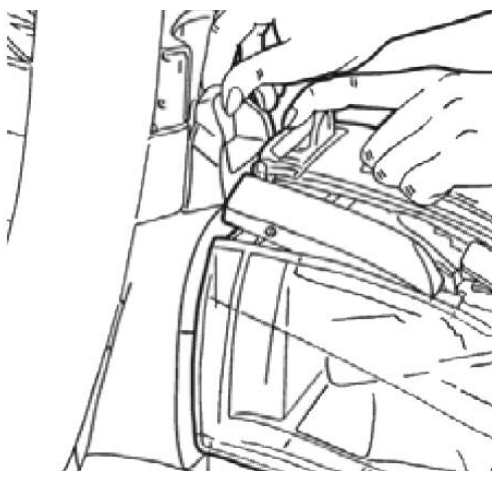

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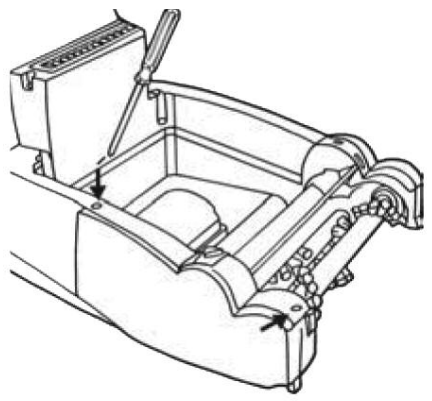

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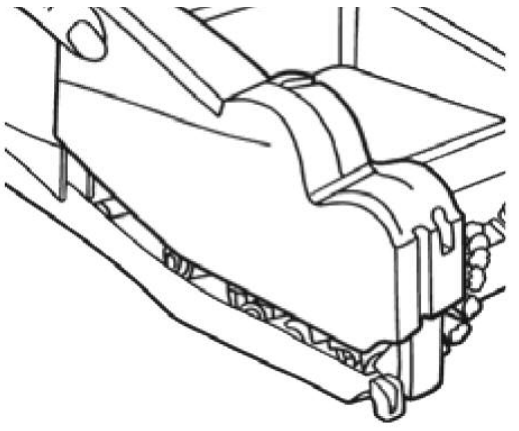

Remove dirty water tank and front nozzle (see page 20) put them to one side.

Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove two (2) screws.

Remove the belt cover. Remove the broken belt.

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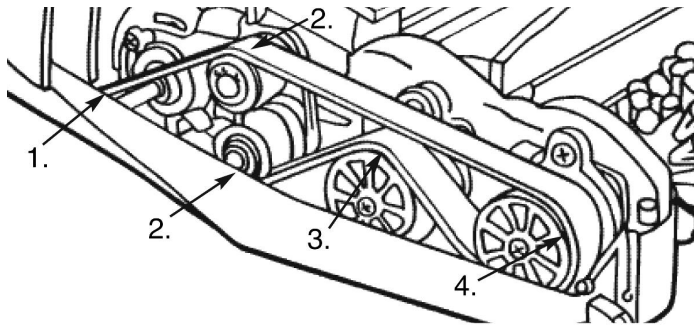

1. Loop the belt around the rear shaft.
2. Loop the top of the belt above the small pulley and the bottom of the belt around the lower small pulley.
3. Feed the entire belt over the first large pulley.
4. Loop the belt around the front large pulley and rotate the front brushbar forward until the belt is in place.

Note: Make sure the entire belt stays on top of the first large pulley by lightly placing a finder on top to guide it.

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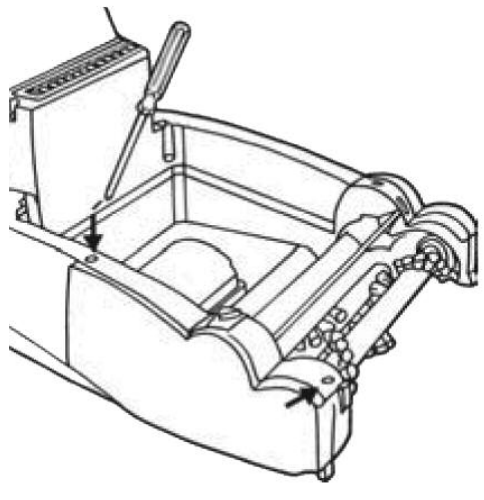

Return the nozzle cover to the original position.
Secure by replacing the two (2) screws.

Brush removal and replacement

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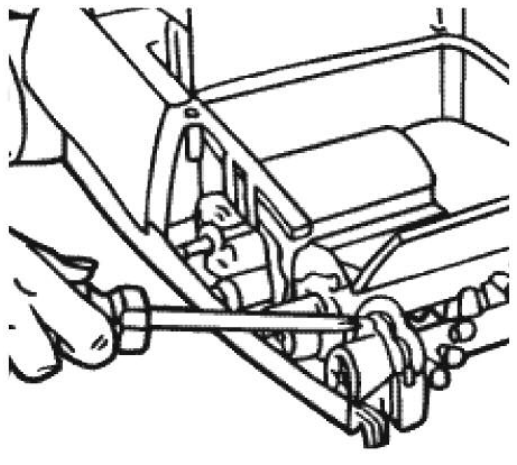

Remove the screw that holds the brushbar in place.

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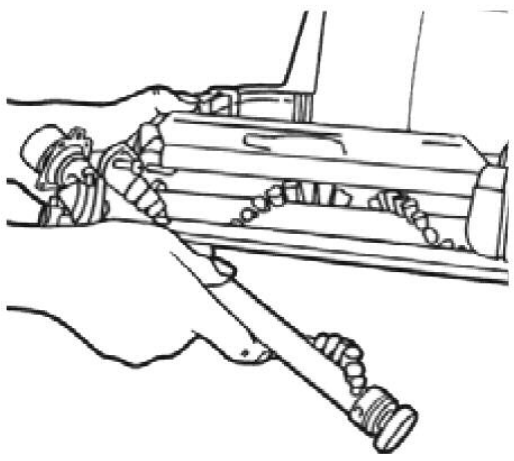

Tilt cleaner off the carpet. Grasp the brush bar and pull the right side of its chamber.
Tilt the brushbar down to the ground and remove the silver cap. Slide the worn brushbar out of the cleaner.

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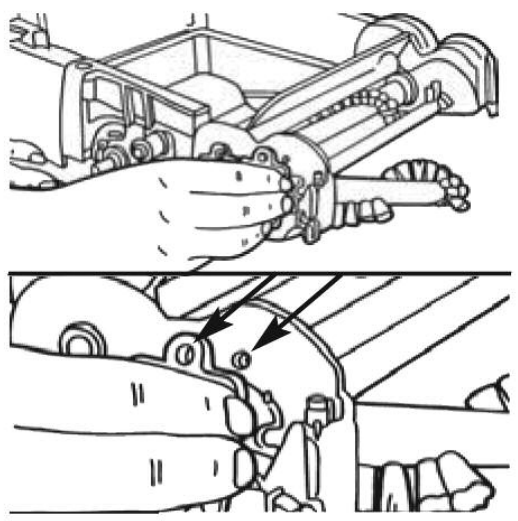

To install a new brushbar. Feed the brushbar through the opening until the screw plate and screw hole are lined up (as above).

Note: The black cap behind the silver screw plate will be through the hole.

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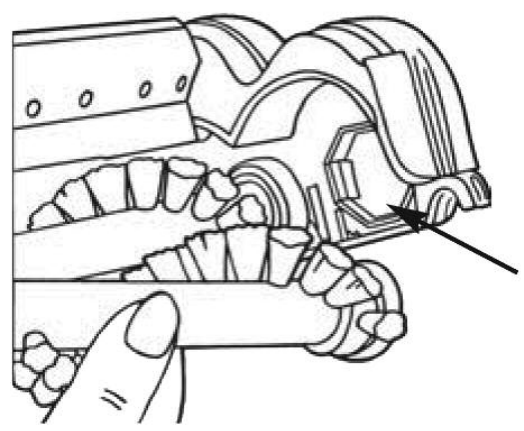

Replace the silver cap to right side of the brushbar. Lift the brushbar up and align with the brushbar chamber. Push the screw plate towards the screw hole until the flush and replace the screw.

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Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible solution
Cleaner won't run	• Power cord not firmly pushed into a mains socket.	• Plug cord in firmly.
	• Blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker.	• Check fuse/breaker. Replace fuse or reset breaker.
Vacuum won't pick up/loss of suction	• Nozzle hose attachment cover not closed.	• Close the hose attachment cover.
	• Dirty water tank is not installed correctly.	• See 'Emptying the dirty water tank'
	• Nozzle not installed correctly.	• See 'Emptying the dirty water tank'.
	• Floor/Tool selector in wrong position.	• Move selector to the correct position.
	• Dirty water tank is full.	• Empty dirty water tank.
	• Brushbar worn.	• Replace the brushbar.
	• Broken or worn belt.	• Replace the belt.
	• Nozzle/Dirt passage clogged.	• Remove hose, remove obstruction.
	• Clogged hose inlet.	• Remove hose, clean inlet.
		• See 'How to operate your cleaner'.
Water escaping from the Vacuum	• Dirty water tank is full.	• See 'Emptying the dirty water tank'.
	• Dirty water tank not installed correctly	• See 'Emptying the dirty water tank'
	• Hose not installed correctly.	• See 'Hose attachments'.
	• Solution tank not installed correctly.	• See 'How to operate your cleaner'.
Cleaner attachments won't spray	• Water supply hose not connected properly	• See 'Hose attachments'.
Cleaner won't dispense	• Solution tank not installed correctly	• See 'How to operate your cleaner'.
solution	• Pick up tube blocked.	• Clean pick up tube by soaking in water
No soap dispensing	• No soap.	• Fill soap tank with Vax AAA Carpet Cleaner.
	• Soap switch off.	
Will not dispense water	• Soap tank empty with soap power ON	• Turn soap switch on. • Fill soap tank or shut soap power OFF.

Safety

- Do not leave the appliance when plugged in. Unplug it from socket when not in use.
- To prevent electric shock do not use outdoors
- Not to be used as a toy. Close supervision is necessary when used by or near children or the infirm.
- Use only as described in this user guide.
- Do not use with a damaged cord or plug.
- Do not pull or carry by the cord, use the cord as a handle, allow the cord to come into contact with hot or sharp surfaces or close a door on the cord.
- Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
- Do not handle the plug or appliance with wet hands.
- Do not put any objects into openings or operate with openings blocked, keep them free of anything that may reduce airflow.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
- Do not vacuum any glowing, burning or smoking particles.
- Do not use without the solution reservoir and dirty water tank in place.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as petrol, or use in areas where they may be present.
- Keep the carpet washer on the floor.
- Do not use an extension cord with this carpet washer.
- Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
- Store the carpet washer indoors. Put the carpet washer away after use to prevent tripping accidents.
- Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the ratings plate.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid hazard.
- This carpet washer is intended for household use only.
- The appliance must be unplugged from the mains socket outlet after use, and before cleaning or maintaining the appliance.
- A hazard may occur if the appliance runs over the power supply cord.
- **Carpets should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing with the Rapide XL and Rapide XL Pro.**

For further information in the UK, call the VAX HELPLINE : 0870 606 1248

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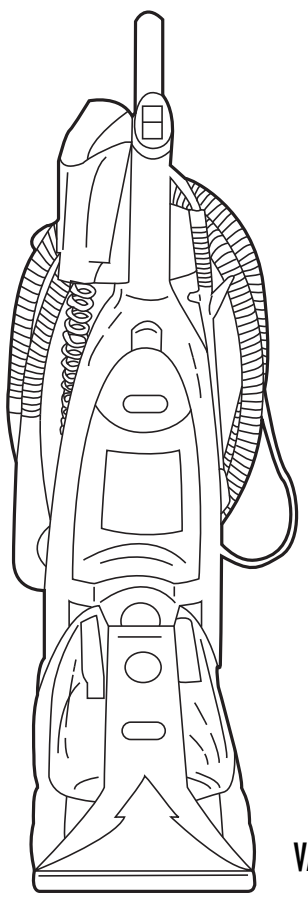
Rapide XL carpet washer ULTIMATE



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Please read carefully before using the carpet washer.
Always fully extend the mains cable before use.
Please retain these instructions for future reference.

Instruction Manual

Mon-Fri. 9.00am to 5.00pm. An answer phone is available out of these hours. If you have queries or concerns about using your VAX, call the HELPLINE. Calls are charged at the UK national rate. Please make a note of the serial number and model number of your VAX before calling. There are over 400 approved VAX Service Agents in the UK. For your nearest Service Agent please call VAX Care.

VAX CARELINE 0870 6061248

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EEC STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Manufacturer/EEC importer: VAX Limited, hereby on our own responsibility declare that the product V-027Y Rapide XL Ultimate is manufactured in compliance with the following:
Safety: 73/23/EEC Low Voltage Directive as modified by 93/68/EEC
EMC: 89/336/EEC Electromagnetic compatibility Directive as modified by 93/68/EEC

Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your Local Authority or retailer for recycling advice.

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